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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3764

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 9767

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, IR

SUBJ: CIVAIR: IRAN AIR DISCOUNT FARE

REF: (A) STATE 2366(B) STATE 231222 (C) TEHRAN 9655

1. AMBASSADOR HAD WORKING LUNCH WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY OCTOBER 5 DURING WHICH SUBJECT OF IRAN AIR DISCOUNT FARE CONTROVERSY WAS DISCUSSED. ANSARY URGED THAT WE GET OFF OF CONFRONTATION COURSE AND NEGOTIATE TOWARD A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. HE APPRECIATED FORBEARANCE WE HAD SHOWN SO FAR AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OUR PATIENCE WOULD ENDURE A BIT LONGER IN MOVING TOWARD A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WHICH "SHOULD NOT TAKE FOREVER." AMBASSADOR TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUGGEST A REBATE ARRANGEMENT WHICH MIGHT MEET BOTH OUR NEEDS. ANSARY SEEMED RECEPTIVE AND SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED GENERAL KHADEMI(WHOM HE KNOWS IS THE HARDLINER IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR) TO REFER ALL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES TO HIM BEFORE TAKING A POSITION.

2. WE THINK WE OUGHT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANSARY'S WILLINGNESS TO ENTER THE FRAY AND MOVE PROMPTLY TO PROPOSE A TIME AND SITE FOR RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO US FROM REFTEL
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(B) THAT CAB SUSPENSION ORDER YET SENT FORWARD TO THE

PRESIDENT. IF IT HAS NOT, WE WOULD URGE FURTHER DEFERRAL
UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED BY GOI AS
NOTED REFTEL(A). IF SUSPENSION ORDER HAS GONE FORWARD,

WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO NEXT STEPS BEING CONTEM-
PLATED AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER IT POSSIBLE
TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH WOULD EXACERBATE AN ALREADY
DIFFICULT SITUATION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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